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An Account of the
CEREMONIAL
AT THE
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Of Their Most Excellent **MAJESTIES**
KING WILLIAM
A N D
QUEEN MARY,

The Eleventh Day of this Instant April, 1659.

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THEIR Majesties being come from *Whitehall* to *Westminster*, (the **KING** by Water in his Royal Barge, about a quarter past 10 of the Clock in the Morning, and the **QUEEN** by Land in Her Chair, a little before 11 of the Clock) the **Heralds** began forthwith to put the Proceeding in Order in the Court of Requests, and after that, to Marshal the several Clashes of the Peers and Peeressees, the Peers being called over in the House of Lords, and the Peeressees in the Painted Chamber, where Their Majesties were Graciously Pleas'd to be Present: And by half an Hour past Eleven, Their Majesties, and the Proceeding were conducted into *Westminster Hall*, at the upper end whereof, Throned being seated, Their Majesties repaired thereunto, and took Their Seats under the State on the right side of the Table.

Whereupon, the Master of the Jewel-House presented to the Lord High Constable, the Sword of State, the Sword of Honour, and the two pointed Swords, severally on a silver stand, and delivered them in like manner to the Lord Great Chamberlain, who drew thence the

Sometime after which, the Dean and Prebendaries of *Westminster* attended with the Quire of that Church, &c. brought the *Regalia* in solemn Procession from the Collegiate Church there to *Westminster-Hall*, viz. The Dean of *Westminster* the Bible, the Sub-Dean the Chalice, Dr. *Killegrew* the Patin., Dr. *Patrick* the King's Crown, Dr. *Littleton* the Queen's Crown, Dr. *Busby* the KING's Orb, Dr. *Briarvell* the QUEENS Orb, Mr. *Annesley* the KING's Scepter with the Dove, Mr. *Pelling* the QUEENS Scepter with the Dove, Dr. *Delangle* the KING's Scepter with the Cross, Mr. *Berkley* the QUEENS Scepter with the Cross, and Mr. *Sartre* St. Edward's Staff; and after the usual Reverences, the Dean first presented the Bible to the Lord High Constable, who deliver'd it to the Lord Great Chamberlain, by whom it was laid upon the Table before Their Majesties; And the rest of the *Regalia* being deliver'd severally by the Prebendaries who brought them, to the Dean of *Westminster*, he presented them in like manner to the Lord High Constable, and He to the Lord Great Chamberlain, who laid those that appertain'd to the KING, before His Majesty, and those that appertain'd to the QUEEN before Her Majesty.

Then the Prebendaries being withdrawn to the lower end of the Hall, *Garter* Summoned up the several Noblemen, who were appointed to carry the said *Regalia* in the Proceeding, and the Lord Great Chamberlain by Their Majesties directions deliver'd them accordingly.

Thus all things being ready, the Heralds Marshalled the Proceeding in this manner,

First Drums and Trumpets; then the Six Clerks in *Chancery*, two a Breast, and all the rest of the Proceeding went; then Chaplains having Dignities; Sheriffs and Aldermen of *London*; Masters in *Chancery*; the Kings Solicitor and Attourney; Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber; Judges:

Next, Children of the Quire of *Westminster*; the Surgeant Porter and Sergeant of the Ventry; Children of the Chapel Royal; the Choir of *Westminster*; Gentlemen of the Chapel Royal; Prebends of *Westminster*; Master of the Jewel House; and Six Privy Counsellors not Peers.

Two Pursuivants of Arms, Baronesses; Barons, Bishops; Another Pursuivant of Arms, a Viscountess, Vicounts; two Heralds of Arms, Countesses, Earls; One Herald of Arms, A Marchioness; Two Heralds of Arms, Duchesses, Dukes; The two Provincial Kings of Arms next before the Marquis of *Hartford*; Lord Privy Seal, and the Marquis of *Exmouth*; Lord President of the Council; and next to these, the Lord Archbishop of *York*.

Then His Royal Highness Prince *GEORGE* of Denmark, Duke of *Cumberland* in his Robes of Estate with His Train born, followed by two Persons in Robes of Estate, (being two Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, viz. the Honorable Sir *Purbeck Temple* and Sir *Edw. Sutton* Bar.) Representing the Dukes of *Aquitain* and *Normandy*; and after them the Lords who bore Their Majesties *Regalia*, viz. The Earl of *Manchester* St. Edwards Staff, and the Lord *Grey* of *Ruthin* the Spurs, The Earl of *Clare* the QUEENS Scepter with the Cross, and the Earl of *Northampton* the KINGS. The Earl of *Shrewsbury* the Sword Curtana in the middle between the Earl of *Derby* with the Second Sword, and the Earl of *Pembroke* with the Third Sword. Then *Garter* Principal King of Arms, between the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and the Lord Mayor of *London*. Then the Lord Great Chamberlain single; the Earl of *Oxford* with the Sword of State in the Scabbard between the Duke of *Ormond* Lord High Constable for that Day, and the Duke of *Norfolk* Earl Marshal. The Earl of *Bedford* with the QUEENS Scepter with the Dove, and the Earl of *Rutland* with the KINGS; the Duke of *Bolton* with the QUEENS Orb, and the Duke of *Gloucester* with the KINGS; the Duke of *Somerset* with the Queen's Crown, and the Earl of *Derby* the Lord High Steward of His Majesties Household, and Lord High Steward of *England* for that Day with the King's Crown; The Lord Bishop of *London* the Bishop of *Bath* between the Bishop of *Rockingham* Dean of *Westminster* with the Chalice, and the Bishop of *Worcester* with the Patin.

Then the KING and QUEENS MAJESTIES Supported by the Bishop of *Down* and the Bishop of *Down*, having eight Staves carried by eight Barons. His Majesties Trainborn by the Master of the Robes assisted by the Lord High Steward of *England*, the Lord *Bedford*, and the Lord *Derby*. And Her Majesties Trainborn by the Duchess of *Somerset* assisted by the Lady *Elizabeth Pawlet*, the Lady *Diana Vere*, the Lady *Elizabeth Cavendish*, and the Lady *Hemietta Hyde*.

After the King followed the Earl of *Monmouth* Gentleman of the Bedchamber and two Grooms of the Bedchamber, and after the Queen the Countess of *Down* Lady of the Bedchamber, and two of Her Majesties Women. Lastly, the Captain of His Majesties Guard in Waiting before the Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard and the Captain of the Band of Gentlemen of the Guard, followed by the Lieutenant of the Yeomen of the Guard.

The Serjeants at Arms went on each side of the *Regalia*, and the Gentlemen Pensioners on each side of the Canopy.

In this manner Their Majesties arrayed in their Royal Robes of Crimson Velvet Furred with Ermine, the KING on the Right Hand with a Crimson Velvet Cap on His Head, and the QUEEN on the Left with a Rich Circlet of Gold on her Head; all the Nobility in Robes of Crimson Velvet, with their Caps and Coronets in their Hands; and the rest who formed the Proceeding being richly clad, or wearing their proper and peculiar Robes or Habits; but all uncover'd, marched on foot upon two Brethren of Blue Cloth, spread from the Steps of the Throne in *Westminster-Hall*, to the Steps of the Theatre in the Quire of the Church of *Westminster*. The whole passage being railed in, and guarded with His Majesties Horse and Foot-Guards: And all the Streets, Windows, Balconies and Scaffolds crowded with such an infinite number of Spectators, as was scarce ever seen before, expressing their great Joy by Shouts and universal Acclamations.

Being entred the Church, and the Nobility and others, all duely placed, Their Majesties ascended the Theatre, and repair'd to their Chairs on the South side of the *Area* or *Sacrarium*, with Faldstools before them, for their Private Devotions. Then the Bishop of *London*, who perform'd this great Solemnity, began the *Recognition*, which being concluded with a mighty shout of all the People present, Their Majesties came to the Altar and made their first Oblation, which done the Lords who carried the *Regalia*, presented them severally at the Altar to be there deposited.

Then the Litany was Sung by the Bishops of *St. Asaph* and *Bangor*; which ended, the Communion Service began. The Epistle taken out of *1 Pet. II. 13, 17.* was read by the Bishop of *Carlisle*, and the Gospel taken out of *St. Matt. XXII. 16, 22.* was read by the Bishop of *St. Asaph*. After which followed the Nicene Creed; which ended, the Bishop of *Salisbury* being ready in the Pulpit, repeated the Lords Prayer, and took his Text *2 Sam. XXIII. 3* and *4 ver. The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the Sun riseth, even a Morning without Clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the Earth by clear shining after Rain.* Upon which words he made an excellent Discourse, Their Majesties sitting in their Chairs on the South side the *Area*, and hearing the same with great Attention.

After Sermon, which lasted just half an Hour, Their Majesties took the New Establish'd Oath, and *Veni Creator* being Sung, and the Holy Oyl Consecrated, Their Majesties were conducted to Their Regal Chairs placed on the Theatre (near the East side thereof) that they might be more Conspicuous to the Members of the House of Commons, (who, with their Speaker, were Seated in the North Cross,) and were disrobed of their Crimson Velvet Mantles, and being Solemnly Anointed, were Presented with the Spurs, and the Sword, (which being Offer'd, was Redeem'd by the Earl of *Portland*.) and Invested with the Imperial Palls, and Orbs; and then with the Rings, and Scepters; and at Four of the Clock the Crowns were put upon Their Majesties Heads by the Lord Bishop of *London*, assisted by the Lord Bishop of *Rockester*, at sight whereof all the People shouted, the Drums Beat and Trumpets Sounded, and the great Guns at the Tower, and in *St. James's Park*, &c. were discharged, and all the Peers and Peeresses put on their Coronets.

Then the Holy Bible (brought in the Procession for that purpose,) was presented to Their Majesties; and after the Benediction Their Majesties vouchsafed to Kiss the Bishops. And *Te Deum* being Sung Their Majesties Ascended the Throne, and being Inthronized, the Archbishop and Bishops did their Homage to them jointly, and Kissed Their Left Cheeks, and after them Prince *GEORGE*, and the other Temporal Lords in like manner, each of them touching the Crowns upon Their Majesties Heads, and severally Kissing Their Majesties Cheeks. During which time, the *Knight of the Bath* hold forth before the Coronation Medals, Inscribed on one side *Ne totius absumatur*, and on the other side *Gulielmus & Maria Rex & Regina*.

Then began the Communion, Their Majesties making their Second Oblation, And the KING and QUEEN having received the Holy Sacrament, and the Bishop having read the Final Prayers; Their Majesties went in State into *St. Edward's Chapel*, where being divested of their Imperial Palls, &c. and arrayed in their Royal Robes of Purple Velvet, The whole Company (except the Church of *Westminster*) return'd to *Westminster-Hall* in the same Order they came, Their Majesties wearing their rich Crowns of State, and all the Nobility their Coronets on their Heads. The Spectators all the time continuing their Acclamations of Joy. And being Entred into the Hall were conducted to their several Tables to Dinner, which were all ready furnished before their coming in.

The first Course for Their Majesties Table was served up with the proper Ceremony, the Lord High-Steward betwixt the Lord High Constable and the Earl Marshal preceding it on Horseback; And before the Second Course was served up, *Charles Dymoke Esq;* Their Majesties Champion in Compleat Armour, between the Lord High Constable and Earl Marshal, all on Horseback, performed the Ceremony of the Challenge after the usual manner, *Norfolk* Herald Pronouncing it in these Words:

IF any Person of what Degree soever, High or Low, shall Dany or Gainsay our Sovereign Lord and Lady KING WILLIAM and QUEEN MARY, King and Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, to be Rightful King and Queen of this Realm of England, or that They ought not to Enjoy the Imperial Crown of the Same, Here is their Champion, who saith he Lyeth and is a False Traytor being ready in Person to Combat with him, and in This Quarrel will adventure his Life against him, on what day soever he shall be appointed.

After which Garter (with the Officers of Arms) cryed Largeis and Proclaimed Their Majesties Stiles in Latin, French and English, after the accustomed manner.

Dinner being ended, and the whole Solemnity performed with great Splendor and Magnificence, and with all possible Expressions of an Universal Joy; About eight in the Evening the Company broke up, and Their Majesties returned to *Whitehall*, the night being concluded with Bonfires and other Illuminations, Ringing of Bells, Drinking Their Majesties Healths, and all other Tokens of the Highest Affections, Loyalty and Satisfaction.



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